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Hiram Parker, married to his wife, Wanda, for 65 years, says he loves her more today than the day they married.

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### CAMPUS SECURITY

## Another student attacked

By KAYLEA HUTSON  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

In December, a Missouri Southern student was able to fight off an attacker on campus.

Two weeks ago, another student was not as fortunate. Heather Kephart, 18, a freshman pre-medicine major, said she was attacked on the Hughes Stadium parking lot at approximately 9:15 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 4, after leaving the Southern Theatre production of *Grace and Asleep at the Wind*. The incident was not reported to campus security or Joplin police.

"I had parked over by the stadium," Kephart said. "There weren't any cars parked around me. As I went to get into my car, he came up from behind me."

Kephart said a man, a white male about 6-foot-5 with dark hair and dark eyes and wearing a brown leather jacket and black jeans, placed his hand on her shoulder. When she turned around, the attacker hit her several times in the face.

"I just remember he had a bigger-than-normal nose," Kephart said. "He hit me several times in the face."

"I had bruises on my forehead and scrapes on my forehead from hitting the pavement."

Kephart said she still has a cut on her right cheek from the assault.

"He just left," she said. "Maybe he saw I didn't have a purse."

Kephart said the Hughes Stadium lot "seemed really dark."

"I don't remember any lights," she said. "It all happened so fast. I didn't see anyone around."

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### FLOWERS FOR THE LADY



Carol Bowden, junior pre-law major, receives a white carnation from Pat Truchon, ServiceMaster food server, at noon Monday in the College cafeteria as part of the Valentine's Day observance.

DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

### COLLEGE ADMINISTRATION

## Leon to CBHE: 'I'm happy here'

President's name comes up again

By KAYLEA HUTSON  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

As the search for a new higher education commissioner picks up steam, Missouri Southern President Julio Leon says he is not a candidate.

Leon said he was "very flattered and honored" that many people consider him a possible candidate for the position.

"I had [received an offer to apply], that's true," Leon said. "But I'm happy here. The job of commissioner would be exciting and one with interesting challenges."

"I still feel Missouri Southern is where I want to be for now."

The Coordinating Board for

Higher Education will meet today in Jefferson City to discuss the candidates and select five finalists. Everett Brown, CBHE member, said the Board hopes to name a new commissioner by July 1.

Dr. Charles McClain, retiring CBHE commissioner, said he and Leon talked about the position in December.

"He said he'd love to be interested, but couldn't be at this time," McClain said. "He has not told me anything to the contrary [since then]."

While Leon is not an official candidate, some would be in favor of him stepping into the position.

"I admire your president very much," Brown said. "I'd be in favor of that."

— Please turn to LEON, page 2

### VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

## First finalist stresses community service

Wasicosko here today for several interviews

By JOHN HACKER  
SENIOR EDITOR

The parade of finalists for the position of vice president for academic affairs began yesterday with the arrival of Dr. Mark Wasicosko.

Wasicosko, vice president for academic affairs at Texas Wesleyan University, flew in yesterday morning for two days of interviews with Missouri Southern officials.

Wasicosko said he was impressed with the College and had heard good things about the Joplin area. He also said he was especially interested in Southern's mission.

"This is the perfect mission for a

college that is positioning itself for the next 10 years," Wasicosko said. "It emphasizes career preparation and a strong liberal arts background."

He also commented on the community service programs sponsored by the College.

"These programs involve students in what they are studying in the classroom."

Those programs are something Wasicosko said he would like to see expanded if he is selected for the job.

"I don't think there is one area of the College that wouldn't have the potential to expand [community service projects]."

Wasicosko has spent the past four years as provost and vice president for academic affairs at Texas Wesleyan, his second stint at the Fort Worth university.

Before that he was at

Lynchburg College in Virginia for a year, where he started a school of education and human development.

His first stint at Texas Wesleyan was from 1982-89 as dean of education.

Wasicosko has a bachelor's degree in secondary science with an emphasis in physics and a master's in science education. His Ph.D. is in education psychology. He said he is not an authoritarian leader.

"I expect things to get done and to get done well," Wasicosko said. "I've been told I was a master facilitator. I'm willing to do whatever is necessary to get students a good education."

Wasicosko's agenda for today includes a 11 a.m. meeting in the Hearn Hall conference room with Dr. Eugene Mouser, registrar; Dr. Jerry Williams, director

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— Dr. Mark Wasicosko

of continuing education; Dr. Delores Honey, director of assessment and institutional research; Judy Bastian, assistant to the vice president for academic affairs; Dr. Elaine Freeman, director of student retention; Myrna Dolence, coordinator of the Learning Center; Dr. Lanny Ackiss, director of the honors program; and Dr. Pat Kluthe, assistant director of the honors program.

At noon Wasicosko will have lunch with the four deans, Dr. Glenn Dolence, vice president for student services; and Dr. Ray Malzahn, interim vice president for academic affairs.

He is scheduled to meet with the Faculty Senate executive committee at 2:30 and Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president, at 3:30.

### OXFORD PROGRAM

## 13 students, 1 faculty to make trip

By JENNIFER CAMPBELL  
STAFF WRITER

Thirteen Missouri Southern students and one faculty member have been selected to go to Christ Church College in Oxford, England, this summer.

To be considered, students must be juniors or seniors with at least a 3.5 grade-point average.

"We also look at what they have done around campus," said Dr. Delores Honey, director of

assessment and institutional research.

After a list of eligible students is compiled, letters are sent out to each candidate inviting them to apply. From those who reply to the letter, the students who will go are chosen.

"The College gives 10 \$2,000 scholarships, and the rest pay out of pocket," Honey said.

Total cost this year is \$3,700, which includes \$200 for week-end sight-seeing excursions.

"When I found out [I was chosen], I did a victory lap around

my apartment," said Chad Wagoner, junior pre-medicine major. Wagoner plans to study the history of medieval England.

The faculty member going this year is Dr. Dan Overdeer, assistant professor of education.

"The faculty member goes as a student, not as a supervisor or in a chaperone position," Honey said. "He will be living in the residence halls and going to class like the rest of the students."

During the fall semester, faculty are instructed to apply if they are interested in going. College administrators select one person, who is provided an unspecified amount of money to help with the costs.

"I plan on taking Newton, Einstein, Hawking: Architects of the Universe," Overdeer said. "It deals with their histories and how the universe began."

Southern's contingent will be split into two sessions, July 4-23 and July 25-Aug. 13.

"It will be a wonderful experience," said Star Sweet, senior special education major. Sweet plans to study the development of children's literature. "It's a chance of a lifetime," she said.

"I'm really excited about going," said Shelly Moss, a junior communications major who will study English homes and gardens. "I plan on staying an extra week."

## SMALL BUSINESSMAN

### Student hopes to make it big with Meal Express

By BRANDI MANNING  
STAFF WRITER

Have you ever wanted dinner delivered, but the restaurant wouldn't provide the service?

Well, freshman business major Chris Dukes has the answer to your food delivery needs: Meal Express.

Dukes, 22, came up with the idea during an Army stint in Germany. His wife helps him operate the service.

"I had aspirations to start my own business with a low cost and a low overhead," he said.

Meal Express will deliver from any Joplin restaurant to the customer's home for \$3.99, plus the price of the food. If someone requests an item from Little Caesars Pizza, the delivery fee is only \$1.99 because of a special deal Dukes made.

Customers call Dukes at 659-9988 with their order. He then purchases the food and delivers it.

"When we purchase a meal from the restaurant, it becomes our property," Dukes said. "Then I deliver it

and resell it for a small fee."

Meal Express is able to guarantee a hot meal because of the special coolers used to carry the food. The coolers are equipped with a digital thermometer and are made to hold heat.

Dukes started Meal Express in January, when he returned to Missouri Southern. After leaving the Army in September, he worked at Sherlock's in the Northpark Mall until December.

"He [Dukes' boss] kept me on throughout the Christmas season to teach me about the business ropes and such because I had been out of the American economy for three years," Dukes said. "He was letting me back in this world, so to speak."

This semester Dukes is taking Karen Bradshaw's entrepreneurship class to learn more about this kind of business. Bradshaw said Dukes has a "unique" service business.

"Service businesses seem to have a pretty high survival rate," Bradshaw said. "People tend to pay for services they don't want to do themselves."

Brad Kleindl, instructor of business, said Meal Express could be considered a "hobby business."

"It doesn't mean he won't

make money or have a lot of fun doing it and then turn it into a life-sustaining business," he said. "It depends on several things like competition, how much the customers like him, and how much people want to pay."

"Many people start out with a hobby business, and it grows to a life-sustaining business. It's a normal entrepreneurship procedure for some to start as hobby business and it [to become larger]."

Because of his Army and National Guard involvement, Dukes said he has enough income for the next three years to keep Meal Express running. He hopes to build the business up enough in that time to be able to sell it and go on.

"I am just using it as a stepping stone right now on my career advancement," Dukes said. "I have about three years to get this good and going so that I can launch it into a career field."

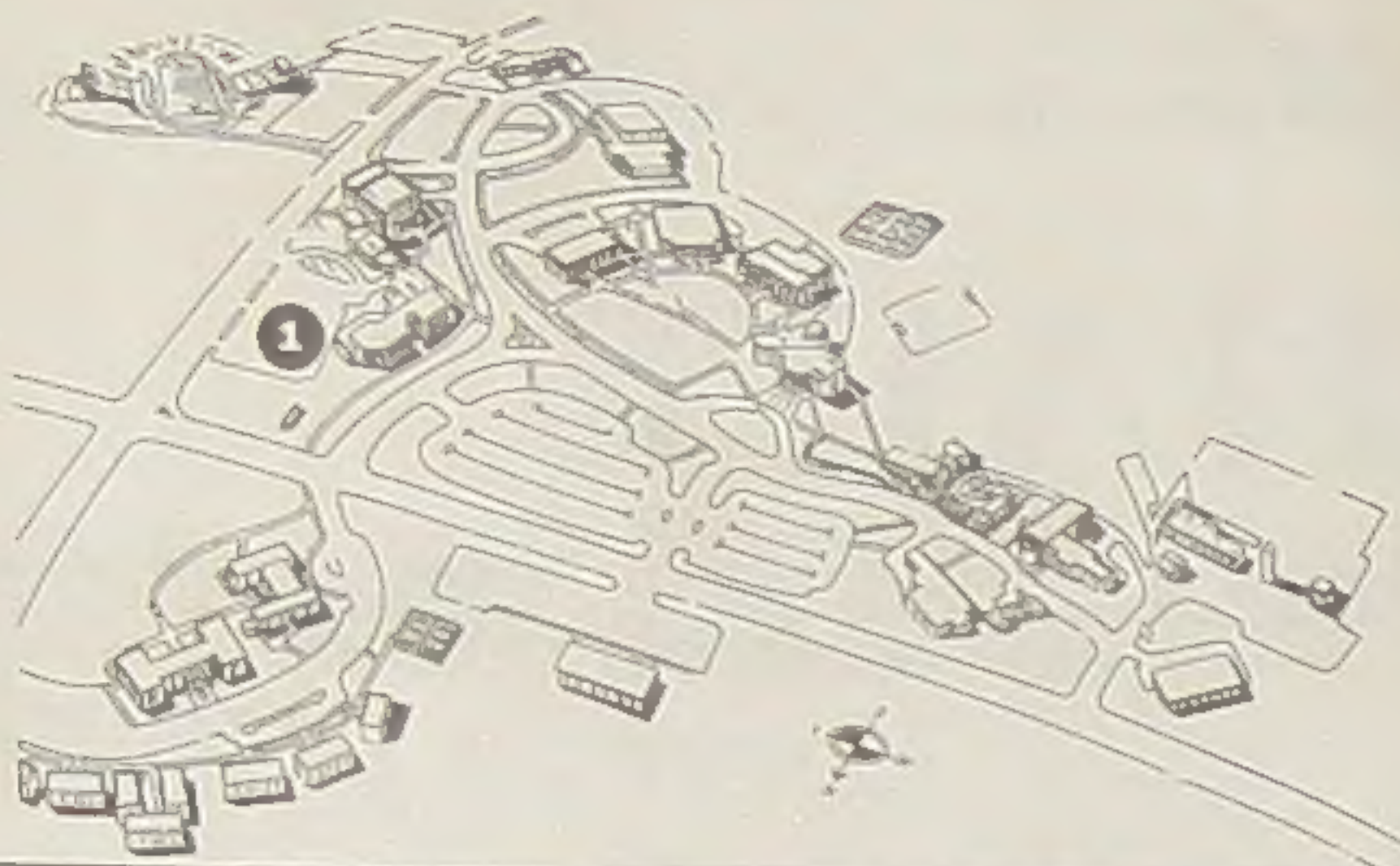
Meal Express hours are 4 p.m. to midnight Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to midnight Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday.

### 1994 Oxford Participants

Billy Buzzard	computer science
Joanna Derfelt	political science
David Fields	English
Pamela King	marketing
Jennifer Kuncel	computer science
Shanna Logan	elementary ed., special ed.
Shelly Moss	communications
Kristen Peppers	sociology
Jeffrey Peterson	nursing
Paula Smith	communications
Star Sweet	elementary ed., special ed.
Chad Wagoner	pre-med
Amber Wilcoxson	elementary ed., early childhood
Dr. Dan Overdeer	assistant professor of education



## CAMPUS SECURITY REPORT



- 1** 02/10/94 CAMPUS 8:15 p.m. The Campus Security was contacted that Tiffany Claussen had not returned home after school. The Joplin police found Claussen.
- 2** 02/14/94 LOT 22 NOON Robert Matthews failed to put his car in gear when parking in the northeast of Webster Hall and his vehicle backed into Colby Thomas' parked vehicle.

SOURCE: Campus Security Office

Anyone interested in volunteering for the **LION patrol** may contact Craig Richardson at 625-9391 or at the campus security office behind Matthews Hall.

### VOLLEYBALL, from page 11

maybe [I would have] if there were more lights around."

Following the attack, Kephart got in her car and looked for the campus security vehicle.

"I drove around campus once, but didn't see anyone," she said.

Kephart said she then drove home to Carthage without reporting the incident.

The attack is the second against a Southern student in

less than two months.

On Dec. 13, Joyce Reniker, junior criminal justice major, was attacked by a white male, approximately 6-foot, with light brown hair, as she approached her car in the gravel lot behind Spiva Library and Young Gymnasium. Reniker was able to subdue her assailant using self-defense techniques.

While Kephart has taken some

self-defense classes, she said she was unprepared for the attack.

"It was so much of a surprise nothing would have helped me," she said.

Kephart has started carrying mace since the attack.

"I don't feel as safe [at Southern]," she said "I guess it's because it happened to me."

the pay could be a reason why Leon declined the offer to apply. The new commissioner will receive approximately \$80,000; Leon makes \$106,000.

"As far as I'm concerned, he'd be a good one," Brown said. "But I don't think he can afford it."

others," Jacob said. "But I haven't necessarily heard him mentioned as a front-runner, not that anyone is [a front-runner]."

"What I have heard is the governor is interested in having a voice in the matter."

Brown said the differences in

### HOBNOBBING WITH THE SENATE



T. R. HANRAHAN/The Chart  
Stacy Schoen, new student regent, answers questions during her confirmation process before the Missouri Senate yesterday.

### MID-AMERICA MANUFACTURING

## Southern receives Center on campus

By JESSICA HYATT  
STAFF WRITER

The Mid-America Manufacturing Technology Center (MAMTC) has established an office at Missouri Southern to assist manufacturers in southwest Missouri.

MAMTC, a not-for-profit organization based in Overland Park, Kan., provides consulting services to small and medium-sized businesses to help them implement quality improvement programs, troubleshoot equipment and product problems, locate vendors, reduce environmental pollution, and design new products. According to Marianne Hudson, MAMTC vice president of marketing, the overall goal is to increase the competitiveness of local businesses.

"MAMTC helps companies grow or even stay in business," she said. "The purpose is to improve quality and increase sales."

MAMTC was formed in 1991 as the result of a national competition sponsored by the National Institute of Standards and Technology. Approximately 20 groups entered the competition.

The Southern MAMTC office is sponsored by the school of

technology, the school of business, and the Small Business Development Center. Don Schultz, the MAMTC field engineer at Southern, is a former instructor of computer-assisted manufacturing for the College. He believes MAMTC's relationship with Southern is a beneficial one.

"It's a big world out there, and technically I know a lot of things, but I don't know all things," Schultz said. "From a management standpoint I certainly don't know all things, so I'm linking up with a lot of the professors here."

Schultz said area businesses face the same concerns as manufacturers nationwide.

"It seems to me that 75 percent of the companies that I've been in contact with are interested in talking about production control and scheduling problems and computer systems that will help them do their scheduling and production control better," he said. "I can't really think of anything that makes us totally unique in this region."

For more information on MAMTC's services, contact Schultz in the business and technology training office in Matthews Hall or at 625-3123.

### INTERNET

## System connects members

By PAULA SMITH  
CAMPUS EDITOR

Information is becoming more readily accessible with Missouri Southern's connections to the Internet.

"Internet facilitates the movement of information," said Dr. Gerald Schlink, assistant professor of biology.

Steve Earney, assistant vice president for information services, said the functions of Internet include electronic mail for communicating, file transfer for downloading information from another computer to another, and discussion groups.

Earney said Southern is a member of Morenet, which connects the College's computers to a network in Columbia, Mo. The cost of membership to Morenet is \$14,600 per year.

Schlink said information has become readily available due to the role of the government.

"The government had established the major backbone, and now others can join on to it," he said.

Southern's computer support staff has helped the College in laying the groundwork for gaining information, Schlink said.

"Now the non-computer people are joining in," he said.

Schlink said with the growing system of E-mail, information may be distributed rapidly.

"A letter can go anywhere around the world without opening an envelope," he said.

Group discussions are also possible through the Internet.

Discussions are somewhat like conference calls on the telephone, but a person will send out information and then wait for a response to be sent back, Schlink said.

Regulations are few regarding the Internet, he said.

"But they are really trying hard to keep commercials out of the system," Schlink said.

A campus group that discusses Internet applications meets at 3:30 p.m. on the last Monday of each month in Room 310 of Reynolds Hall.

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## MUSIC DEPARTMENT

## Thelen optimistic after cancer bout

Instructor says his faith in Christ speeds recovery

By KAYLEA HUTSON  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

With a good prognosis, one instructor is glad to be back at Missouri Southern.

Dr. Charles Thelen, associate professor of music, said he is feeling "great" after his bout with cancer during the fall semester.

"The prognosis is very good," Thelen said. "I feel better than ever."

Thelen was diagnosed with prostate cancer in October 1993 during his annual check-up.

After his doctor noticed something irregular, he was sent to a local specialist.

On Nov. 30 he traveled to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., to undergo testing.

"In one day they had all of the lab work completed and delivered to the doctor," Thelen said. "They also had a second opinion by two other doctors [not] involved in the surgery."

Thelen said he was given four choices for treatment: removal of the prostate, radiation, a freezing method, or doing nothing.

He chose to have his prostate removed on Dec. 1.

Because he was absent following the Thanksgiving break, his music department colleagues took over his classes and

administered his final exams.

For now, the prognosis is auspicious. Thelen said he has even taken the time to lose 30 pounds.

"The doctor was very positive; he reassured me that things had gone very well," he said.

Currently, Thelen is undergoing hormone treatment, which controls the amount of testosterone in his body.

He said this treatment will "starve" any cancer cells left behind by the surgery.

Following the procedure in December, a bone scan and lymph node scan were conducted to determine the extent of the cancer.

Both of those tests determined the cancer had not spread past his prostate.

Thelen said his faith in Christ has helped pull him through.

"It doesn't make me a superman; I'm no better than another man who's had this," he said. "But it did help me. I kept claiming Psalm 91 (the safety of abiding in the presence of God) and said that's for me, and for several weeks continued to read it."

In April, Thelen will return to the Mayo Clinic for one day to see if his condition has changed. If no changes are detected, his next check-up would come in September.

"You really come to grips with your own mortality, and then you realize that we all are going to die eventually," Thelen said. "Hopefully, I'll get to see my grandchildren for quite a while."

Thelen, who has taught at Southern since 1973, said the College's health insurance covered all of his medical expenses.



Thelen

## TAX TIPS FOR THE ELDERLY



Valerie Mooney, a senior accounting major, helps Jo and Jack Campbell with their income tax forms Saturday at the Joplin Public Library. Mooney works through the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, which offers its services free of charge to the elderly and people with low incomes.

## STUDENT SENATE

## Arena project surfaces again

By PAULA SMITH  
CAMPUS EDITOR

The proposed multi-purpose arena surfaced once again during last night's Student Senate meeting.

Scott Hettinger, junior senator and student representative to the athletic committee, discussed the committee's plan for reviving the proposed arena, which was convincingly voted down in August 1992 by Jasper County voters.

Hettinger said members of the athletic committee asked him what he thought about increasing tuition by \$2 per credit hour to fund the construction.

"I said that was probably something they should take to the students," Hettinger said.

Paul Hood, senior senator, proposed that students write how they feel about the possible tuition increase and place it in the Senate suggestion box outside the cafeteria in the Billingsly Student Center.

The Senate suspended the rules and had first and second readings for the Missouri Southern Concert Chorale's request of \$1,000 for its spring tour March 1-2. The Chorale will perform at six high schools in Missouri and Kansas.

The purpose of the trip is to recruit students to Southern and demonstrate the quality of the choral program. The request passed after some discussion concerning whether the Senate could allocate money to an organiza-

tion that has a budget of its own.

"We tried every avenue on our own first," said Bud Clark, director. He said expenses for the trip have increased due to a larger chorale, but funding for the music budget has decreased.

"The choir is definitely flourishing," said Brian Rash, treasurer and sponsoring senator for the allocation.

In other business, the Model United Nations Club was allocated \$1,000 to attend its 10th consecutive trip to compete in the Midwest Model United Nations next week.

"In a mock way, we solve the world's problems," said Eric Cummings, head Model U.N. delegate.

more about the dreaded word 'politics.' You really get to see another side of our state politicians when you meet with them in their own office," he said.

Unlike past years, the Senate will not sponsor a luncheon for legislators. Instead, members have made appointments with Gov. Mel Carnahan, Lt. Gov. Roger Wilson, and several state representatives.

Because the luncheon was cut, funding for the trip was also decreased. In 1993, the Senate allocated itself \$2,000 for the trip, but only \$500 this year. Ramona Austin (sac), junior sena-

tor, elaborated on the Senate's plans when meeting with the legislators.

"We want them to realize how much we appreciate their faith in Missouri Southern through allocations thus far," Austin said. "Also, we plan to bring to their attention the growing interest in Southern among high school, non-traditional, and transfer students and that to properly accommodate the academic needs of these incoming students, additional financial support is going to be a necessity."

A specific concern of the student senators is that the current

funding formula for calculating state funding as enrollment has not been a factor in funding since 1984.

"Our enrollment is increasing much faster than our funds," said Lyla Dover, junior senator and chair of the trip committee.

The student senators will depart at 7:45 a.m. Monday and check in to the Days Inn Hotel in Jefferson City at 1 p.m. The meeting with Wilson is set for 8 p.m.

On Tuesday, the students will meet with Carnahan at 10 a.m. They will depart for Joplin at 1 p.m.

## PHON-A-THON

## Calling tops goal; 1 day left

By ERIN HOLLAND  
ARTS EDITOR

With just one day of calling to go, the 1994 Phon-A-Thon has surpassed its goal.

At the end of calling last night, \$175,055 had been raised.

Captaining the team that was responsible for making the call that put the Missouri Southern Foundation over its goal was Guy Thomas.

"I just happened to be the quarterback on the field," Thomas said. "The pledges just kept rolling in."

Volleyball team members, captained by Debbie Traywick, head coach, called prospective donors in the afternoon and raised more than \$7,000.

The Pershing Rifles, the school of business, communications department, and the alumni association all made calls last night.

"This is my second year," said Scott Cragin, instructor of business administration. "I like supporting the College."

Thomas attributed the success of the Phon-A-Thon to many different elements.

"[It was] the enthusiastic support of the community, friends, families, and the supporters of Missouri Southern," he said.

Callers reached many people yesterday, even with the weather so nice.

"Everyone was very pleasant, and a lot of them wished they could give but couldn't," said Ramona Austin (sac), junior communications major. "I love the College, and as an alumni member I'm going to contribute."

When the Phon-A-Thon wraps up tonight, more than 300 volunteers will have contributed to the cause.

"We are delighted; we have so much to be thankful for," said Sue Billingsly, foundation director. "The support and the generosity of each individual who called are greatly appreciated."

The baseball team will staff the phones today as the Phon-A-Thon wraps up. Head Coach Warren Turner will serve as captain.

"We are excited to have fresh and excited callers tomorrow," said Dr. Kreta Gladden, director of alumni affairs.

## Senate prepares for jaunt to Capitol

By PAULA SMITH  
CAMPUS EDITOR

Hobnobbing with the governor, lieutenant governor, and other state officials is among the items listed on the Student Senate's itinerary for its annual trip to Jefferson City.

Approximately 15 members of the Senate will leave Missouri Southern Monday morning and return Tuesday evening. Paul Hendrickson, vice president, said he has great expectations for the trip.

"It's a great chance to learn



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## OUR EDITORIALS

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## Staying put: Leon refuses candidacy for CBHE commissioner

If the old saying is true, and home is where the heart is, then College President Julio Leon's must be Missouri Southern.

Leon, who came to the College in 1969, was approached by the Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education as a possible candidate for the commissioner's position. The commissioner, who is responsible for administering all programs and responsibilities of the CBHE, is often regarded as one of the most influential people in higher education in the state.

Leon declined.

While Leon's lack of interest may come to the surprise of some, we're hardly agog. With each state higher education position that has come open in the past few years, the rumor mills consistently crank out one name: Julio Leon. From the president's position at Southwest Missouri State University to the chancellorship at the University of Missouri-Columbia, Leon's name is consistently dropped as a potential candidate.

There is too much he has yet to accomplish, Leon always says. While he always acts flattered, he is quick to point out he is very happy at Southern.

As well he should be.

Leon is allowed a liberal amount of freedom to implement his vision on the College. The Board of Regents rarely, if ever, publicly questions any of his desires or policies. And, regardless of what anyone says, he is well-paid. The higher education commissioner's salary cannot begin to match his pay at Southern.

At any rate, it is best Leon will be staying put. His leadership is well intended, and for the most part, successful. While many are quick to criticize him on occasion, the issue is always ideological. There is never any doubt Leon is doing what he feels is in the College's best interest.

So for now the rumor mills will screech to a halt. Until next time, that is.

## Round two: As another attack occurs, lighting needs second look

Told you so.

We hate to rub salt into a fresh wound, but when Joyce Reniker was attacked in December, we suggested the College look at the lighting to help ensure the safety of students and faculty. The recent attack on Heather Kephart only confirms our belief.

Kephart said the Hughes Stadium lot "seemed

really dark" and that she may have seen her attacker approaching if there had been more lighting.

So while Southern's public continues to grope about in the dark, we hope College officials consider going beyond fancy lighting on the campus oval. From what we see, better overall lighting is needed so everyone may walk confidently at Southern whether it be day or night.



## YOUR LETTERS

The Chart welcomes letters from readers. Letters must be signed and should include a phone number for verification purposes. Letters should be 300 words or fewer. Submit letters to The Chart office on the third floor of Webster Hall or fax them to (417) 625-9742 by noon Monday for publication in that week's edition.

"The foolish and the dead alone never change their opinions."

—James Russell Lowell

## EDITOR'S COLUMN

## Under the (hand)gun

### Buy-back programs don't cure the ills

What sounds good in theory doesn't always work well in practice.

Over the weekend, my hometown of Wichita, Kan., jumped on the simple-solutions-for-complex-social-ills bandwagon and held a gun buy-back program. The program is an ingenious concept, really. Citizens bring in guns and exchange them for money, concert tickets, etc., no questions asked. Then, the guns are cataloged and destroyed.

The thought is by reducing the number of guns on the street, crime and violence will also decrease. Now for a small dose of reality: The people who shouldn't have guns, like drug dealers, gang members, and other sociopaths, aren't going to let loose of their firearms.

From what I could see this weekend, most of the folks selling guns were middle-class suburbanites who wanted the extra fifty bucks or were worried about having a gun in the same house with small children.

No known or suspected gang members showed up, and the types of guns taken were hardly the ones that cause much of the violence that plagues the streets of America. In the end, more than \$15,000 was spent, and for what?

I didn't feel any safer driving through certain areas of town, my younger brother isn't any better insulated from violence in his high school, and worst of all, somebody will almost certainly lose his or her life to a gun this week.

By the way, ever wonder why the issue of gun violence has become such a concern lately? And more important,

why did few speak up in the last years or more when Black, Asian, and Hispanic kids were blowing each other's heads off in the streets of the South Bronx, Watts, or Compton? The answer is simple. Racism. Gun violence, especially among young people, wasn't a big issue until white kids in Wichita and Des Moines and Sioux Falls started killing each other, too.

The gun buy-back program was a good start, but as long as handguns are almost as easy to legally buy as milk at the grocery store, things can't improve. Anti-gun control forces always try to say most of the crime committed with firearms is perpetrated by persons with illegally-obtained weapons. While this may be true, most illegal guns started out as legal ones, and the deluge of legal weapons can't be slowed, the illegal ones won't decrease either.

The simple fact is most people don't have any business owning a handgun. Their sole purpose and design is to kill humans. One only has to look to Great Britain to see the effects of widespread handgun availability. In the U.S., firearms are one of the leading causes of death among young men. In England, where gun ownership is not allowed, the death by gun rate is minuscule. Even with the difference in population accounted for, it is by no means a stretch to see where a lack of firearms brings about a less-violent society.

The gun buy-back idea isn't a bad one, but until America changes some of its laws and attitudes toward the necessity of handgun ownership, the blood that flows in the streets of America won't even slow, let alone stop.

## IN PERSPECTIVE

## Take my advice

### Process strives to make enrollment easier

As part of my job as the registrar, I review all applications for graduation, a job which keeps growing every year.

The College awarded 243 degrees at the end of the fall semester. There are applications for graduation for 496 students for the spring term and more than 100 degree applications for the summer term. The December, May, and July graduates participate in the annual commencement ceremony in May.

In reviewing the applications for graduation, I am always impressed with how many students move through their course requirements in the major so smoothly. The prerequisite courses are taken in a timely fashion, the lower-division requirements are completed within the first two and one-half years, and elective courses are taken that enhance the graduate's education.

Another group of students, however, seem to drift and hit snags throughout their college careers. Some core curriculum classes are put off until the last semester, and then there are time conflicts between freshman-level courses and senior requirements for the

major. Others do not enroll in enough hours their last semester to complete the total hours required for the degree or lack the required 40 hours of upper-division credit. Some do not have the required grade-point average in their major or overall.

In talking to the students who seem to have trouble each semester, I frequently find that they "didn't need an adviser" or the adviser was

never available at the time they dropped in for advisement. Many received advice from friends, often with different majors.

I would like to encourage all students to identify with an adviser and to seek out the adviser throughout each semester and year for more than just "signing my pre-enrollment." The adviser can and will help discuss career opportunities within the major for the unique abilities and personalities of their advisees. The adviser is deeply interested in seeing that each advisee receives correct and timely advice. Several advisers call my office each semester to assure themselves that their advice is correct considering a change in the catalog, etc.

— Please turn to MOUSER, page 5



By Dr. Eugene Mouser  
Registrar

AGE: 64  
BACKGROUND: Mouser, who holds degrees from Oklahoma State University, has been with the College since 1970.

## THE CHART

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## CAREERS

## 'Any job' better than none

## Looking into small businesses, training helpful in work search

JOYCE LAIN KENNEDY  
SUN FEATURES INC.

Dear Joyce: My son graduated from college in the Northeast with an engineering degree 18 months ago and he has yet to find a job in engineering. Can you give us a hand?

Here's the mantra: Look for smaller employers, consider temporary work, keep networking, get more training, consider new job hunt methods and take any job, even a no-brainer.

Let's look at the fresh start option offered by more education. In what? Find a new field likely to experience employment gains.

As an example, take the career field of systems integration (SI). As computer information systems grow in size and complexity, SI is sizzling. Companies are looking for solutions to perplexing problems, for people to help them wind through the thicket of too many choices.

This function harnesses hardware, software, communications and data in gee-whiz projects that make mortal heads spin.

Organizations are the systems integrators, but people are loosely called that as well. They enter the field through many doors.

Some come from a business background, or have industry-specific experience, such as banking or social services. Others studied electrical or systems engineering, or applied mathematics. A major in computer science, computer engineering, software engineering or management information science (MIS) is close to the target and highly recommended.

Sometimes compared to a general contractor in the construction industry, a systems integrator manages everything, from design and development, purchasing and technical integration — and even training.

An example of systems integration (SI) is the task of making sure clothing inventories at various stores are coordinated with plant manufacturing production. Another is coordinating county government allocation of welfare payments with federal rules. Still another is coordinating the work of multiple vendors in creating a new technology product.

Within the field, integrators specialize. Functional area specialists may focus on financial services or social service delivery. Project managers run the show and are either very experienced or have advanced educa-

tion in project management.

Communications specialists deal in networks that carry data, voice and video traffic.

Software specialists devise devilishly clever "blueprints" for SI projects. Hardware specialists design cogent computer set-ups and oversee their operation.

Support staffers market and sell, negotiate contracts or work in finance or accounting.

A bachelor's or master's degree is the way to go unless you want a doctorate to teach or do research. Even in this growth field, don't leave school without internships, co-op education assignments and related work experience.

SI is an elite field where brains, resourcefulness, top academic achievement and top-of-the-line communications skills count highly.

Cybernauts get extra points. You've got to be able to think a step ahead of those you are trying to help. Fortunately, the money follows: A typical annual salary for an experienced professional integrator is upwards of \$50,000 a year.

If SI sounds like something you'd like to start out in, or switch into, contact the Information Technology Association of America, 1616 N. Ft. Myer Drive, Suite 1300, Arlington, Va. 22209; (703) 522-5055. Ask for career information and a list of integrator employers.

## The Information Line

## Job Tips from the Professionals

Always research prospective companies prior to interviews since being armed with this knowledge will give you an edge; it will allow you to ask more intelligent questions. Also, you will convey to the interviewer that you are not just another person looking for a job, but that you are interested in becoming part of the company. If you research prospective companies, it puts you in a select class—few actually do research.

Research can reveal positives and negatives about a company. Act as if you were making a career-life commitment with each prospective employer: do not approach a potential job as something to do until a better one comes along.

There are a number of sources for information on companies. If a company is publicly held, information can be found concerning it in the

reference section of the college or public library. Some good references are Standard and Poor's Stock Guide, Moody's publications, Corporate Annual Reports (some are available on microfiche; otherwise, they are available from all publicly held companies upon request), and Dun & Bradstreet's Million Dollar Directory.

Most publicly held companies will provide you with literature on its history, work environment, products, or services—just ask. Usually, companies view such a request in a highly positive manner. It reflects a serious person who is taking a long range approach to the job, not just someone looking for a paycheck.

Some sources of information for privately held companies are Dun & Bradstreet, INC's list of the 500 largest, privately held companies in the USA, and chambers of commerce.

Talking to friends, neighbors,

relatives and customers about the company you are researching helps. Also speak with a target company's employees and competitors to gain valuable insights to its working conditions and requirements. Be cautious of people with overt negative or malicious opinions about a company. Find out why they are so mad before letting them bias your opinion. Were they fired, in a lower level position than they deserved, do they not like the field of work that company is in? Also be alert to smooth talking company representatives. They tend to gloss over problem areas and camouflage the truth.

Keep in mind, the best positions with the most career opportunities and benefits attract the toughest competition. Do research to become an informed job seeker and to gain a competitive edge.



"Stick 'em not"

## MOLLY IVINS

## 'Modest' lessons realistic for Vietnam

How interesting, I thought, to be able to write about Vietnam without passion. It turns out not to be an original thought. "The passion is gone," said former POW Leo Thorsness. And almost everyone else who spoke up this week. "Finally over." "Finally behind us." "High time."

A whole generation of Americans has been born and come to adulthood since Jan. 27, 1973. Or should we count April 30, 1975, as the end? Nothing about Vietnam was ever clear. And who knows when the passion died?

Shelves of books to be read now—I think Neil Sheehan's "A Bright Shining Lie" got it best. But there are so many others: Bernard Fall, who knew how it all began; Myra MacPherson, who wrote "Long Time Passing" for the vets; Gloria Emerson—now there was passion.

Reading Peter Arnett's recent book, "Live From the Battlefield," is, I think, especially helpful because Arnett, like Sheehan, was there for a long, long time. The generals, the soldiers and the other correspondents came and went, but those who stayed saw the war change, the country change, the people change.

Arnett, who was burned again by the still-live embers of passion from Vietnam during his splendid coverage from Baghdad

of the late unpleasantness there, is the ultimate wire-service reporter. He reports what he sees. His book is long on action and not much on reflection, but I found one striking passage from early on, during the 1964-65 folies of coup and counter-coup.

"The military authorities wanted us to paint an image of Vietnam as a valued, threatened ally. But that did not square with what we were seeing: a corrupt, irresolute leadership and a country sinking into its own effluent." Think how much better off both we and the Vietnamese would have been had Arnett and the others been allowed to report what they saw.

I am reminded of another valuable witness with an extraordinary gift for clear sight: the late Richard Feynman, the brilliant physicist who served on the panel studying why the Challenger crashed. The chairman of the panel decided to tone down the panel's final report lest it be "too damaging to NASA." Feynman refused to fudge, wrote an appendix to the report and insisted it be published. Feynman wrote, "Let us make recommendations to ensure that officials deal in a world of reality. They must live in reality in comparing the cost and utility of the shuttle to other methods of entering space. For a successful technology, reality must take precedence over public relations, for nature cannot be fooled."

Feynman lived in the world of immutable physical laws (well, not all that immutable, as he liked to point out, but that's

another story); O-rings at low temperatures do not respond to spin control. Technological truth may be less flexible than political truth, but I suspect that Feynman's last theorem applies to areas other than technology: "For a successful technology, reality must take precedence over public relations, for nature cannot be fooled."

I've never thought much of those who draw large object lessons from Vietnam. "Never get involved in a land war in Asia," or some ringing truth like that. Such a big mess, people thought, must have a big meaning.

But precisely because Vietnam was such a big mess, I always thought more modest and tentative conclusions were appropriate. Maybe "You can't prop up a government that doesn't have the support of its own people." Something along those lines.

Vietnam didn't produce any memorable slogans or favorite tunes that vets can gather round the piano and sing. But there was one modest little saying used by American soldiers I always liked: "There it is."

"There it is," they would say, while regarding anything from Army rations to a dead buddy. Not to parse too much meaning into a short phrase, but it meant: "Look at it, recognize it, that's reality."

Our government had a lot of trouble recognizing reality in Vietnam, and the results were stunningly awful. Reality must take precedence over public relations. Still unlearned. There it is.

Molly Ivins is a columnist for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.



IVINS

## NEWS OF THE WEIRD

## Man urinates in pot, resulting plant warns him of tear in bladder

By CHUCK SHEPHERD

UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Reuters News Service reported in December that a 72-year-old retired gardener in England was credited with self-diagnosis of a tear in his bladder. The man diagnosed his condition by urinating into a plant pot; eventually a tomato plant sprouted. Doctors said that that indicated a leakage—in this case, of microscopic tomato seeds—between his bowel and his bladder. Doctors said growing urine cultures in the ordinary way of detecting such a tear but that this was the first self-diagnosis they had heard of.

## CLICHES COME TO LIFE

David Blake, 22, suffered a broken leg and hip and internal injuries in Toronto in September when he jumped from a fifth-floor balcony. Blake had been naked with his girlfriend in her room in her family's home when her father dis-

covered them. Allegedly, he forced Blake at knife-point out onto the balcony and made him jump.

USA Today reported in October that Florida Wildlife Park officials planned to set up mirrors around six Caribbean flamingos because they believe they are more sexually excitable if in a group.

In December in Moscow, Idaho, 18 Earth First! members were found guilty of several trespassing-type misdemeanors related to their protests of logging activities in the Nez Perce National Forest. Federal judge Edward Lodge suspended the prison sentences of the activists provided that they either get a job or go back to college.

In a report in the August Archives of Dermatology, a 39-year-old woman in Cleveland complaining of bad hair was reported to have the first adult case of "acquired uncombable hair," which produces perma-

nently coarse, tangled hair. Her condition was attributed to a side-effect of a diuretic.

In September, inmates Willie James Wright and Albert Mathew escaped from the state prison in Rosharon, Texas, but were captured the next day. They had helped disguise their break by building papier-mache dummy heads, with real hair, and placing them on pillows in their bunks. The ruse worked as the 10 p.m. bed check, but at 4:45 a.m., a guard realized that something did not look right.

The Dallas Morning News reported in September that a tornado near Sagnaw, Texas, picked up James Davis' 4-pound Yorkshire terrier and carried it over two miles, setting it down along a road in view of a passerby. The dog, Sadie, suffered only minor injuries.

The Associated Press reported in December that University of Wisconsin dairy geneticist Denny Funk told Midwest farmers that one reason their milk

production has fallen behind that of California is that Midwest farmers have a fondness for keeping better-looking cows around, even if they produce less milk.

## FAMILY VALUES

Ronald Raymond Carr, 37, was given a suspended sentence in Norwalk, Calif., in October to the charge of furnishing drugs to a minor. He admitted to giving his daughter methamphetamines as often as twice a day when she was age 11, 12, and 13 so that he would have company while he did drugs.

In May in Lilburn, Ga., Charles "Chip" Mize Jr. was arrested for the murder of his father after he allegedly pursued Charles Sr. into a locked bathroom by chopping through the door with an ax. According to a family friend, "Chip really seemed to worship his dad," but relations had become strained when Chip was questioned about whether he had actually

enrolled in college after telling his parents he had.

David E. Clemons, 22, was charged with misdemeanor child abuse in Durham, N.C., in November after allegedly biting his 11-month-old baby on the cheek during a class in which a child-care professional was trying to teach parenting skills.

According to an official in an investigators' trade association, reported in Woman's Day magazine, parents hiring private eyes to track their children's whereabouts is up to 15 percent. The detectives tap phones, run background checks on their kids' friends, and perform around-the-clock surveillance.

Michael Coddington, 34, was convicted in May in Detroit of raping a 6-year-old relative. His twin brother, Mitchell, was charged several months earlier with raping another 6-year-old relative in a separate incident.

## CREME DE LA WEIRD

In November, the St. Thomas Day Nursery in St. Thomas, Ontario, was burglarized for at least the fourth time in five months by someone stealing only dirty disposable diapers. The culprit broke a lock in an outside garbage bin and took only garbage bags containing the diapers.

## I DON'T THINK SO

In November, LaVonda Burnette was elected to the Chapel Hill-Carrboro (N.C.) school board after portraying herself as a 23-year-old single mother who had worked her way through the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. After the election, she admitted that she had not attended UNC, but denied she had "mislead" anyone and said the public outrage about her case was "just a classic example of what happens (to a person who) isn't a part of the status quo."

## MOUSER, from page 4

The advisers, whether faculty, administrators, counseling staff, or Learning Center staff, all have many other duties than advising. Making an appointment to have the adviser set aside time for you is a necessary courtesy and especially so at the time of pre-

enrollment.

Students and advisers now have a very helpful tool in tracking a student's progress. That tool is the Degree Audit Reporting System. The DARS is a computer printout of all of the courses a student has had and all of the courses required

for the student's major. It is divided into a core curriculum section, a section for major requirements, and a section of additional requirements such as needed upper-division hours, the Missouri constitution requirement, the computer literacy requirement, total hour

requirement, and a list of courses that are not applicable to the degree if any were taken. If course or requirement substitutions are approved, they are printed at the bottom of the report.

The DARS report is issued to each student with a major

the time of pre-enrollment, but is also available throughout the year. Some students contemplating a change of major can request a printout for the possible major to see courses needed for that major. The DARS is also available for all minors on campus. Printouts

can be requested at the registrar's office, 100 Hearnes Hall.

By utilizing the information on the DARS report and the expertise of the adviser, the student should find the road to graduation much smoother.



CAMPUS  
EVENTS  
CALENDAR

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## Today 17

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.—Koinonia lunch, basement of Stegge Hall (Apt. B).  
Noon to 1 p.m.—LDSSA, BSC 313.  
Noon to 1 p.m.—Ecumenical Campus Ministries, BSC 306.  
12:15 p.m. to 1 p.m.—"Meet Your Local Female TV Anchors" sponsored by the National Broadcasting Society/ Alpha Epsilon Rho, Webster Hall Room 105.

## Tomorrow 18

Application deadline for College Orientation student leader positions, Lori LeBahn's office, Heames Room 114.  
Noon—"What Happened to the Jews? The Lost Tribes" of Israel, lecture. Sponsored by the International and Social Science Clubs, Webster Hall Room 105.

## Saturday 19

7 a.m. to 1 p.m.—Math Counts presentation, BSC 3rd floor.

## Sunday 20

7 p.m.—Wesley Foundation presents "Sunday Nite Live," First United Methodist Church, 4th and Byers.  
7 p.m.—"Image of Reality" lecture, sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha, Webster Auditorium.

## Monday 21

## Presidents Day

1:30 to 3 p.m.—Visit Day, BSC 310.  
2 p.m. to 3 p.m.—Homecoming committee meeting, BSC 314.  
3 p.m. to 4 p.m.—Faculty Senate, BSC 313.  
3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.—Phi Eta Sigma, BSC 311.  
4 p.m. to 5 p.m.—Greek Council, BSC 314.  
4 p.m. to 7 p.m.—Sigma Nu, BSC 313.

## Tuesday 22

8 a.m. to 9 p.m.—Administrative Council, BSC 310.  
Noon to 1 p.m.—LDSSA, BSC 310.  
Noon to 1 p.m.—Newman Club, BSC 306.  
Noon to 1 p.m.—College Republicans, BSC 311.  
5 p.m. to 8 p.m.—Omicron Delta Kappa, BSC 306.  
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.—Student Teaching training, BSC 3rd floor.  
7 p.m.—Koinonia, College Heights Christian Church.  
9 p.m.—Kappa Alpha Order, Geology Lab, Reynolds Hall.

## Wednesday 23

## Senior

## Assessment Day

No day classes, night classes will meet.  
5:30 p.m.—Student Senate.

## Students:

Would you approve of a \$2 per credit hour increase to fund the construction of an arena for sporting events?  
—Yes —No

Place answers in Student Senate suggestion box, outside BSC cafeteria

## TQM AT WORK



JOHN HACKER/The Chart

Steve Davis, field engineer for the Mid-America Manufacturing Technology Center (MAMTEC), briefs members of the business quality team on the capabilities and success stories of the MAMTEC.

## MODEL UNITED NATIONS

## Club learns to represent Germany for conference

By JOHN ELLEDGE  
STAFF WRITER

Representing Germany, the Missouri Southern Model United Nations Club will make its 10th consecutive appearance at the Midwest Model United Nations. More than 80 delegations representing 60 colleges and universities will assemble in St. Louis at the Hyatt Regency at Union Station Wednesday through Saturday, Feb. 26.

"It's (the conference) one of the biggest in the nation," said Dr. Paul Teverow, faculty sponsor and associate professor of history.

While representing Germany in a hypothetical case, the team will go against the Soviet Union, represented by Washburn University.

Southern delegates take Problems in Recent Diplomatic History and learn about parliamentary procedure to prepare for the Model U.N.

"They must learn about the nation being represented, learn what's going in the world, how the country would stand on the issue," Teverow said. "They also need to make a justification of the stand, as far as the country."

"Anyone can join, but they must be willing to do the work involved,"

Eric Cummings, senior history

major, is making his fourth trip to the Model U.N.

"I get a better understanding on international politics and group dynamics," Cummings said.

While at the conference, members will simulate proceedings of the General Assembly.

Nine Southern students will attend the conference: Cummings, head delegate; Karen Altendorff, senior sociology major; Janelle Burns, junior undeclared major; Chris O'Connell, junior history major; Chris Sanders, senior political science major; Vanessa Tomlinson, junior computer information science (business) major; Denise Umfleet, senior art major; Patrick Walls, sophomore political science major; and Stan Walters, senior history major.

O'Connell and Tomlinson will represent Southern's delegation in front of the International Court of Justice when it deals with the case "Russian Federation v. Germany." The case is for enforcement of monetary treaty obligations owed by the former East Germany to the former Soviet Union.

"It is really exciting," Teverow said. "We get to be a big player and argue a case. It takes a lot of time away from class and from grading papers, but I wouldn't give it up."

## ALPHA PHI ALPHA

## Fraternity sponsoring Image of Reality presentation

By KAYLEA HUTSON  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Information and education are two goals of an upcoming lecture.

Members of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity are sponsoring an "Image of Reality" presentation by Richard Pitts at 7 p.m. Sunday in Webster Hall auditorium.

"It's something our fraternity is doing for Black History Month," said Brandon Ed-

monds, member of Alpha Phi Alpha. "One fraternity [member] went to Manhattan [Kan.] and ran into the speaker."

"We asked him to [come to Missouri Southern], and he said he would."

Edmonds said Pitts would discuss the "realities of the world and images of black people in American history."

"We as black students at Missouri Southern don't have a lot of opportunities for programs, and our fraternity

## SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

## Center to improve quality

By BRANDI MANNING  
STAFF WRITER

Teaching the concept of total quality management to students and the community is the goal of the new quality resource center in Matthews Hall Room 110.

Terry Marion, coordinator of the quality resource center, hopes to use it to help improve the campus. He also hopes the center will be an outreach for the community.

"We are trying to be a clearing house for the community," Marion said. "We are hoping to incorporate [total quality management] throughout the whole curriculum so that it is not just a course but that all the courses are taught in this mode."

Marion said for many people, the concept of total quality management is a new and somewhat confusing idea. He also explained that someday it will

become a vital business aspect.

"There is probably no organization that is going to be left out of this in the future," Marion said.

"This is not something one should be doing in addition to everything else. It is something one should do instead of every-

out by anyone."

Marion said he now has 73 local managers and executives enrolled in his classes. When the executives or managers cannot make the class, the tapes are available for their use.

"There is a company down town who said that one of their

executives can't make the class this week," Marion said. "They have told me that they want the tapes Friday morning."

That tells me something about our program."

The business quality team consists of students, staff members, and faculty. Marion hopes more students and faculty will join the team.

Jim Gray, dean of the school of business, said the team is an attempt by the school to benefit from TQM.

**"We are hoping to incorporate [total quality management] throughout the whole curriculum so that it is not just a course but that all the courses are taught in this mode."**

— Terry Marion

thing else."

Marion said the quality resource center will offer, through the school of business, courses to teach students and executives total quality management concepts.

"We continually offer one or two [courses] per semester as night classes," he said. "The classes we teach are videotaped, and the tapes can be checked

## ATHLETIC TRAINING PROGRAM

## Students take state awards

By PAULA SMITH  
CAMPUS EDITOR

Three Missouri Southern students in the athletic training program took all three awards in the statewide Missouri Athletic Trainers Association's writing contest.

The winners were Kelly Quick, junior communications major; Gina Farris, sophomore biology major; and Jim Hahne, sophomore secondary education major. They received \$150, \$100, and \$50, respectively.

The topic of the contest was "What it takes to be an athletic trainer," said Marty Conklin, head athletic trainer. Students wrote about "personality traits, organizational skills, or whatever they thought was important," he said.

Conklin required all 20 of his students to write for the contest. Winning all three awards is a boost to the College, he said.

"It speaks well of Missouri Southern as a whole and of our program."

The College's athletic training program emphasizes communication skills as well as training, Conklin said. Students who enter the program usually go into the physical therapy field or teach at a high school or college and serve as the athletic trainer.



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Gina Farris (left) and Eric Jackson (right), sophomore pre-med major, evaluate Trace Maxwell, senior criminal justice major, as he works in the training center yesterday afternoon.

Pitts said he teaches African history and African-American history on contract throughout the Manhattan school district.

Alpha Phi Alpha is a fraternity based at Pittsburg State University with members from both PSU and Southern. It was founded in 1906 by a group of seven students at Cornell University as the first black Greek fraternity to create brotherhood among black students at Cornell. It became an integrated fraternity in 1945.

There are 300 alumni chapters and 300 collegiate chapters across the country.

Famous alumni include Martin Luther King Jr., the late Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, comedian/social activist Dick Gregory, and Jeffrey Owens.

Edmonds, a Southern student, said there is a movement to establish a chapter at Southern, but the group needs seven financially active members in order to obtain a charter.

## CAREER PLANNING AND PLACEMENT

## Group aids all job seekers

Career Seekers United is a new organization established this semester to aid Missouri Southern students, alumni, and the general public in their job searches.

"It's for people who are changing, developing, or starting their careers," said Jennifer Yazell, career services coordinator.

The group's first meeting was Jan. 25. Participation has been what was expected, Yazell said.

"For a group that's just starting out, we've had a lot of interest," she said.

Meetings are held every other

Tuesday from 6-7 p.m. in the Billingsly Student Center second-floor lounge. Yazell said one meeting a month is devoted to group discussion of members' experiences. At the other meetings, members listen to group speakers.

The next scheduled speaker will be Marvin Westcott from Joplin Job Service. He will speak about applying for state jobs at the March 15 meeting.

Yazell said anyone who is interested in joining the group may attend the next meeting March 1.

## ??? CAMPUS QUERIES ???

"Why doesn't the physical education department offer self-defense class as a physical activities class since it could be so much more beneficial to students than what is currently offered?"  
—t.l.

"We do offer self-defense classes through continuing education," said Dr. Dirk Nelson, head of the physical education department. He said that by starting an academic petition with an adviser (which would then go through him, then the dean of education and psychology, and finally the vice president for academic affairs), a student may be able to get credit for the continuing education class "depending on the reasons."



Nelson

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and so on...

## ON CAMPUS

Spiva Arts Center  
623-0183  
Midwest Landscapes  
by Adolph Dehn  
Sunday—March 20

## JOPLIN

The Bypass  
624-9095  
Tomorrow—Big Al and  
the Heavyweights  
Saturday—Walking on  
Einstein  
Champs  
782-4944  
Saturday—Blues Blasters

## SPRINGFIELD

Springfield Regency  
417-862-2700  
Tomorrow—Secret  
Cajun Band  
Saturday—Blue Dode  
Hammons Hall  
417-862-1343  
March 24—Springfield  
Ballet—Romeo and Juliet

## COLUMBIA

The Blue Note  
314-874-1944  
Tomorrow—Buffalo Tom  
Saturday—Retro  
March 11—Cracker with  
Counting Crows

## KANSAS CITY

Blaney's Downunder  
Westport  
816-564-3747  
Tomorrow and Saturday—  
The Nace Brothers  
Grand Emporium  
816-534-504  
Tonight—Fast Johnny  
Tomorrow—Luther  
Johnson  
Saturday—Sulard Blues  
Band

Performing Arts Center  
816-235-2700  
UMKC Piano Series—  
Barbara Nissman  
Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.  
Midland Theatre  
816-363-7827  
The Who's "Tommy"  
through Sunday  
Kemper Arena  
816-931-3330  
April 5—Rush with Primus  
Tickets on sale now.

## ST. LOUIS

Mississippi Nights  
314-421-3853  
Tonight—The Wonder  
Stuff  
Tomorrow—Blue Dode  
Saturday—Bent, Sir, and  
Strange Martin  
Kennedy's  
314-536-3655  
Tomorrow, Saturday,  
and Sunday—  
Suave Octopus  
Fox Theatre  
314-534-1111  
Feb. 26—Jackson Browne  
March 1-6—The Who's  
"Tommy"

## TULSA

Uncle Bentley's  
918-664-6967  
Tomorrow and Saturday—  
Big Kid  
Brady Theatre  
918-488-0396  
A Tribute to Sousa  
Oral Roberts University  
918-495-6000  
Saturday—Reba McEntire  
Tickets on sale  
Maxwell Convention  
Center  
918-663-5888  
Sunday—Tulsa Ice Oilers  
hockey vs. Oklahoma City

## Fayetteville

Rivercity  
501-523-3655  
Tomorrow—Bellvue  
Saturday—Dolly  
Automatic

## LANGSTON HUGHES CELEBRATION

Harper returns  
to salute writer

By P.J. GRAHAM  
MANAGING EDITOR

When Akiba Harper last visited Missouri Southern, she was a graduate student attending a conference on Langston Hughes.

Now, when Harper returns to the College, she will lead the ceremonies at the second annual Langston Hughes Celebration. The Campus Activities Board, the English department, and the Joplin NAACP are sponsoring the free event at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25 in the Webster Hall auditorium.

"We are simply continuing what we hope will be an on-going event," said Dr. Henry Morgan, associate professor of English. "We think it perfectly appropriate to celebrate Joplin's native son during Black History Month and to have all of the community of Joplin in this celebration."

In 1981, Southern earned a grant from the Missouri Committee for the Humanities and the National Endowment to host a conference on Langston Hughes, a Joplin native and acclaimed poet. The meeting was the first of its kind and spurred the creation of the Langston Hughes Society.

"She came for the conference in 1981 as a graduate student working on acclaimed poet Langston Hughes and ended up being a charter member of the Langston Hughes Society," Morgan said.

Harper's presentation, "Social and Psychological Lessons from Langston Hughes's Simple," will focus on Simple, a character Hughes created while writing for the *Chicago Defender*. Harper describes Simple as a blue-collar, black man with about a seventh-grade education who makes humorous comments on life.

"He pierces holes in the bubbles of democracy," said Harper, an associate professor of English at Spelman College in Georgia.

Harper, the president of the

Langston Hughes Society, said she will read excerpts of the "Simple" stories—which number in the hundreds. She then will discuss the psychological and social elements in the stories.

"If a fellow like Simple could confront racism and still crack a joke," Harper said, "then there must certainly be a lesson there for us."

Though Langston Hughes was part of a minority, many believe his work still applies to the majority. Morgan mentions that courses about minorities are needed because minorities are not adequately represented in standard courses.

"Equality has always been a goal for Americans, that's why we have a course like this," he said. "I'll be delighted when we don't have to teach it anymore [as a separate course]."

Harper said the stories are not limited to black Americans as the role of the "underdog" is understood in most societies.

She says she appreciates laughter at her presentations because although the Simple stories have a serious under-side, they are presented in a humorous manner.

Harper has made numerous presentations on Langston Hughes in educational institutions, written articles on Hughes, has written a book, *The Return of Simple*, and soon will publish a new book, *Not So Simple*.

Morgan said bringing Harper to the campus was suggested by Dr. Henry Harder, professor of English.

While on campus, Harper will speak in several classes. At 11:30 a.m. she will take part in a black literature read-in at Spiva Library.

Harper said she is looking forward to returning to Joplin after experiencing the courtesy she found here in 1981.

"I was treated with thoughtfulness," she said. "I was more than happy to agree [to attend the Celebration]."

## INTERNATIONAL FILM SOCIETY

## French silent film on tap

French bread. The French kiss. French fries. And now at Missouri Southern, the silent French film classic *La Roue*.

The film will be shown at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Matthews Hall auditorium.

Presented by the Missouri Southern Film Society, this is the seventh film in the International Film Festival. Financial assistance for the project has been provided by the Missouri Arts Council.

*La Roue* is a unique motion picture from master film director Abel Gance. It tells the story of a jealous

conflict between Sisif, a brutish locomotive engineer, and his son, Elie, a violin maker. The conflict arises when both fall in love with same girl, Norma, who was adopted by Sisif as a child.

Gance spent five years on this turbulent film which, with his monumental *Napoleon*, is among the most influential films of all time.

The film is action-packed and entertaining.

Single admission is \$1.60 for adults and \$1 for senior citizens and high school and Southern students.

## DEBATE

## Team prepares for two invites

By ERIN HOLLAND  
ARTS EDITOR

Preparing for what some have called the toughest tournament in the nation, the debate team is about to hit the road again.

For a change, however, it will be splitting up.

Some debaters will go to the Heart of America tournament and others to the Missouri Association of Forensics Activities.

The Heart of America Invitational at Kansas University will be held from Saturday to Monday.

"This is the second most prestigious tournament to win next to nationals," said Ken DeLaughter, a senior debater. "They send out invitations and are really selective of the teams they chose."

So far Missouri Southern has received invitations for three teams.

"All of the teams we might face are beatable," said Eric Morris,

debate coach. "The best judges will be at the Heart tournament along with the best teams."

The teams of DeLaughter and Georgette Oden, Steve Double-dee and Shelley Newton, and Phil Samuels and Jason Newton will compete together at the Heart tournament.

"I think that we will break a couple of teams," Morris said. "It's hard to predict precisely how good we'll do."

Doubledee and Shelley Newton have been getting close to the out rounds in previous competitions and are hopeful in taking the next step this weekend.

"They've had good practice this week; I think this weekend they might prove themselves," Morris said.

Samuels and Jason Newton do not normally debate together, and this will be a new experience for both of them.

"I'm hoping that they work more on their individual talents

than on having a successful weekend, but who knows," Morris said.

The MAFA, held at Central Methodist College in Fayette, Mo., is the same weekend as the Heart tournament. Paul Hood and Eric Dicharry, Kim Lawry and Jennifer Hurn, and Gary Crites will compete there. Crites will participate in Lincoln-Douglas debate, an individual event.

"Paul and Eric are the sentimental favorites at the competition," Morris said. "I have a feeling they'll do fairly well. They are better than any debaters they'll face there."

Hood is returning to the tournament with high hopes for himself and Dicharry.

"I prefer to go to the MAFA tournament," he said. "I think Eric and I can do very well together."

Hood hopes to win the state tournament before he graduates.

## LENDING A HAND



Bryan Kearney, senior studio art major, helps set up the "Midwest Landscapes" exhibit at Spiva Art Center. The exhibit will run from Sunday-March 12. This is the last exhibit for Spiva on campus.

## ARTS CENTER

## Spiva's final show to begin

By WILLIAM GRUBBS  
STAFF WRITER

The last official exhibit at the Spiva Art Center will begin Sunday.

It will be the last show to be held at the campus location with the center's move to a new location at Third and Virginia on June 12.

The show, "Midwest Landscapes," will include works by Adolf Dehn. Dehn, born in Minnesota in 1895, began his career as an illustrator and lithographer.

Throughout his life, Dehn painted hundreds of watercolors.

Faculty in Southern's art department say they are disappointed with the center's upcoming move.

Bob Schwieger, professor of art, says it is good for Spiva but will hurt the College.

"Southern will experience a great loss," Schwieger said. "Both parties are going to be affected."

Bill Rainey, vice president of the Spiva Art Center board of directors, said he is looking forward to the move because the center has outgrown its Missouri Southern location.

"If we were to maintain a viable arts center, we would

have to leave from here," he said.

In addition to the landscape exhibit, the 44th Spiva Annual competition will take place before the June move. The competition will display works from artists around the four-state region.

Judith Burns McCrae, chair of the art department at the University of Kansas, screened the 74 works that were submitted by 47 different artists.

"I saw good work in all media," she said. "This year, sculpture was unusually strong."

## PUBLIC RADIO MUSIC SOURCE

## KXMS offers classics to listeners

By ERIN HOLLAND  
ARTS EDITOR

Classical music has long been available to Missouri Southern students by tuning into KXMS/88.7 FM.

Now, however, owning the classics is just a phone call away.

By calling 1-800-76-MUSIC, listeners are connected to the Public Radio Music Source out of Minnesota.

"KXMS makes listings available to this service," said Jeff Skibbe, KXMS general manager. "Listeners can order anything they hear played on KXMS."

KXMS belongs to a small market, but offers a wide variety of music.

"We have more exotic music," Skibbe said. "We have more vocals, we play new releases for an hour everyday, and we have more renaissance and organ music."

Open from 7 a.m. to midnight, the Public Radio Music Source can reference the monthly listings from KXMS.

"You can always find sales in stores, but we do have specials, too," said an anonymous employee of Minnesota Public Radio. "Our CDs run anywhere from \$12.97 to \$15.97."

There is also a \$2.95 shipping

and handling charge that covers all items ordered.

Listeners need not know the title of a particular song they heard in order to purchase it.

"As long as they know what time they heard the song and the day they heard it, they are able to get it," Skibbe said.

KXMS has been a part of the service for more than a week now, and so far the response seems positive, he said.

"We've already had people call us and tell us that they have ordered something," Skibbe said.

"Every purchase made by a listener benefits the station."

## Question Du Jour

Q: In his "Black Key" Etude, Op. 10, No. 5, the right hand plays only on the black keys?

Answer to last week's question: Houston

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## ELECTION '94

## Wheat eyes Senate seat

Danforth's exit paves way for K.C. Democrat

By JOHN HACKER  
SENIOR EDITOR

The 1994 election bandwagon made another stop in Joplin as Fifth District Congressman Alan Wheat (D-Mo.) announced his candidacy for his party's nomination for the U.S. Senate.

Wheat, from Kansas City, spoke to 75 supporters and journalists Tuesday at the Hillary Clinton Women's Democratic Club. He laid out his goals on such topics as employment and health care before taking questions from the audience. Wheat said all that Americans want is a chance to work and earn a wage they can raise a family on.

"People who are willing to work ought to be able to find a job," he said. "For those not willing to work, we need to send a message that society does not owe them anything."

Wheat said he supports President Clinton's efforts on health care.

"This is a major piece of legis-

lation—it's a huge bill but it's a huge problem," he said. "People have a right to good health care, and they (should be) guaranteed that they don't have to go broke to get it."

These and many other problems will dog Missouri's next senator throughout his or her term, Wheat said.

"The senator we elect now will serve until the year 2000," he said. "We need to look to the 21st century, but we need to

they want, but under no condition should the government contribute to that decision."

Wheat also said reforming the federal Department of Agriculture is the best way to support agriculture.

"That is a department that is way behind the times and in desperate need of reorganization," he said.

Wheat said the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) did not have the

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— Alan Wheat —

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Wheat answered questions about his position on the abortion issue.

"I am pro-choice," he said. "I was pro-choice in the House, and I never voted any other way."

"Women should consult their loved ones, minister, or whoever

proper protections for agriculture. He hopes that will be taken care of in the General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs (GATT) treaty when it comes up for consideration.

"I am always in favor of bringing down foreign subsidies (on farm products) so that (all countries) can have a level playing field," Wheat said.

## WHAT AN ARM



Shannan Marsh, 2, of Joplin throws pebbles into Shoal Creek near the falls as her mother Diana, and Leo Davis of Pitcher, Ok., watch.

## TRANSPORTATION

## Project will take 15 years

By JENNIFER CAMPBELL  
STAFF WRITER

**WARNING!** Road construction ahead for the next 15 years.

The Missouri Highway Department is building a new U.S. Highway 71 south of Joplin.

"We estimate the program will take 15 years to complete and will cost \$4.5 million to the taxpayers," said Ken Stalcup, highway department district engineer.

The Missouri Highway Commission has held public hearings during the last five years to discuss proposed routes and designs for Highway 71 from I-44 south to just outside of Goodman, Mo. It was not until after these meetings the department began its work.

"Once we got approval from the commission, we went ahead and accepted bids from area construction companies to work on the highway," Stalcup said. "We are using one company to grade the road and another to pave it. Competition for the contracts keeps the taxpayers from having to pay more."

The new Highway 71 is being completely rebuilt to freeway standards. The first part of the highway has been started.

"We have contracts working at Tipton Ford, which is south of Missouri Route 86 near Neosho," Stalcup said. "Next year we plan on continuing to just outside of the town of Goodman."

According to Montie Lawson, district chief designer, the targeted completion of the roadway is in early 1997.

"We will be doing the grading from Tipton Ford to Route 86 in June of 1994," he said. "The paving is scheduled to be done by December of 1994, weather permitting."

## 'Spirit of Joplin' fights wall of skepticism

By J.K. NEWTON  
STAFF WRITER

Running on empty has a new meaning with the creation of the Spirit of Joplin.

The Spirit of Joplin is a Pneumatic Urban Commuter (PUC), or an compressed air-powered car made possible by Terry Miller's 1983 invention of the sequential reuse of air—also called Manifol 16.

"There has been a veil of skepticism to overcome that is horrendous because air has been around forever," said Toby Butterfield, a member of the PUC club.

Butterfield said many people wonder why the air car has not been around for a long time if

it is feasible.

"The skepticism is easy to dispel when you get people in the car," he said.

After a man from Salt Lake City rode in the car, he loaned the club more than \$20,000 in equipment.

The equipment was used to improve the club's air-station system.

The PUC requires stops at an air-station which burns natural gas to generate compressed air. After a four-minute charge, the PUC can drive approximately 50 miles at a top speed of 35 mph.

"Joplin is the first city on the planet that has an air-station," Butterfield said.

PUC club members have access to the air-station after

paying annual dues. The club's system could drastically reduce costs of commuting to work, he said.

Another purpose of the club, according to Butterfield, is to raise interest and support for and to increase awareness in the PUC.

He said with more support and more members there can be more money available, which could mean a better transmission, more cylinders, quicker charging times, and higher speed.

Butterfield said the PUC also is the only 24-hour full-utility vehicle that is completely non-polluting.

"It is the cleanest transportation on the planet," he said. "Saying the electric car is envi-

ronmentally gentle is a lot of smoke and mirrors."

Butterfield said the coal burned to generate electricity was a hidden cost to the environment. He believes the air car could compete with the electric car.

"For 150 years, they have been trying to find a breakthrough battery for electric cars," he said. "Kinetic energy is the solution."

An air-storage battery uses kinetic energy.

Butterfield also thinks the air car is more efficient because it only requires one fuel burn, and the air is not lost.

"This is the birth of an industry," he said.

## Love everlasting still exists for some couples

By JENNIFER SEXTON  
STAFF WRITER

Marriage is an often-maligned institution that has roots deep in human history.

It has evolved over the centuries from a barbaric method of buying and selling women to a day of wedded bliss for both parties involved.

Hundreds of years ago, when a man would see a woman he favored, he would kidnap her. To complete the task, the groom would acquire the aid of a warrior-friend, the best man.

Even though capturing a bride was legal in England until the 13th century, marriage by purchase was a favored alternative.

Literally meaning the purchase of a woman for breeding purposes, the word wedding derives from a root that meant to gamble or wager. The groom's family told him whom he would marry, and they rarely let him see his intended bride.

The reasoning was that if he did not like her looks, he might back out. The father would give the bride away to the buyer (groom), who lifted her veil to see her face for the first time.

Since that time, weddings have taken on a whole new meaning—a day of bliss.

## The Parkers

Weddings these days often are not the life-long commitments they once were. Approximately half of all marriages end in divorce, and marriages that last more than 40 or 50 years are almost the exception rather than the



rule. Some couples display the unusual commitment that allows them to stay together "till death do us part."



The Parkers

"The first time I saw him, I knew. You just know; there is a certain something that stands out," said Wanda Parker, who has been married to Hiram Parker for 65 years. "He always had pretty hair. And his hair was really thick and black; he had it cut really nice."

The expression "to tie the knot" dates back to the time of the Romans. The bride wore a girdle secured by a knot, which the groom had the fun of untying.

"I had \$8 when we got married," Hiram Parker said. "Five of it was for the marriage license, and the other \$3 went for treats. Cigars for men and gum for the ladies. We got married on a Friday night. There were about 50 people at our wedding."

Now, the honeymoon is generally regarded as romantic days of bliss. But the original honeymoon had other purposes. After the groom captured or bought the bride, he disappeared with her for a while so her family couldn't rescue her. By the time they found the couple, the bride already would be pregnant.

"We didn't have enough money to go on a real honeymoon," Wanda Parker said. "We did go to Sulfur Springs, Ark., on Sunday."

The first record of engagement rings dates back to Anglo-Saxon days. Circles of rings have always symbolized eternity. It was the medieval Italians who favored a diamond ring, because of their superstition that diamonds were created from the flames of love.

"I bought her a ring for \$9," Hiram Parker said. "It was sapphire with white gold," added Wanda Parker. "I was so proud."

Sixty-five years ago in the days of the Great Depression, jobs were few and far between, money was scarce, and land was cheap.

"Our first house cost \$50, a house and three acres," Hiram Parker said. "The guy who owned the property owed taxes on the house and property; he said if I would pay the \$50, he would sign it over. So I dug up \$50."

At that time, Hiram Parker was working odd jobs for low wages.

"I worked for about 10 cents an hour doing farm work," Hiram Parker said. "I cut and tied grapes. Dad gave us a cow, so later we sold cream."

The Parkers lived in a two-room house, but later traded it for a grocery store.

"I never regretted getting married. We had our ups and downs; we have been rich and poor," Hiram Parker said. "But I love her more today, than the day we got married."

## The Wallaces:

"We got married in 1938," said Freda Wallace. "I just knew there could never be anyone else for me."

Just coming out of the Great Depression, money was tight.

"We had to borrow money to buy the marriage license," Freda Wallace said. "I think it was only



The Wallaces

\$2 or \$3 (for the marriage license) at that time."

The white wedding dress was made traditional by Anne Brittany, who wore one for her marriage in 1499. Before that, a woman just wore her best dress. In biblical days, blue—not

white—symbolized purity, and both the bride and groom wore a blue band around the bottom of their wedding attire, which is where the idea of something blue comes from.

"I wore the prettiest gold dress; I didn't have a wedding dress," Wallace said. "We got married in a big, two-story house that my parents rented. We had it all decorated up."

"And we had family and friends there; my cousin Arnold Long married us. He always told me that if he liked the man I set out to marry, he would marry us for free."

Although the Wallaces couldn't afford wedding rings, they were very much in love.

"We couldn't afford wedding rings," Wallace said. "We were married a year before we got rings. Mine had a diamond in it, but it was so small you could hardly see it. It couldn't have cost much; we couldn't afford it."

## The Baldwins:

"We only got to go out once a week," said Edith Baldwin, who will celebrate her 45th wedding anniversary tomorrow. "Art worked so much; on his days off we would go to Joplin to the drive-in theatre."

Back then, many couples didn't have long engagements.

"We dated for about a year before we got married," Edith Baldwin said. "We didn't get engaged; we just talked it (marriage) over," Art Baldwin added.

Rather than having large expensive weddings, many couples opted to go to a justice of the peace.

"We went to Bentonville, to a justice of the peace," Edith Baldwin said. "It was small (the wedding); we kept it a secret from our friends for a week. My

sister, my mother and father, and my aunt went. She (the aunt) happened to be there when Art came to pick me up."

"No one found out (about the wedding) for about a



The Baldwins

week. Art began to hand out the treats, then everyone knew."

Although money was tight, couples still managed to exchange rings.

"I had a gold band with five diamonds in it," Edith Baldwin said. "It finally wore out. I got a diamond engagement ring later after Art got paid from the Army."

What do these couples contribute to staying together so long?

"L-O-V-E," said Mrs. Parker. Wallace added: "We never got mad at each other, and we never go to bed angry."

"We loved each other. If we got in an argument, it never took long before we were making up."



## I'M WITH THE DUMMIES



T.R. HANRAHAN/The Chart

Buckle Bear joins a pair of crash-test dummies for a rally on automobile and child-seat safety yesterday in the Capitol Rotunda. Properly installed, child seats are 71 percent effective in preventing deaths.

## SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

## Is medicinal pot on the way?

Proponents seek new treatment for cancer patients, chronically ill

By T.R. HANRAHAN  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

David Branstetter gets stoned—a lot.

The St. Louis man told the Senate judiciary committee yesterday he smokes six to eight marijuana cigarettes a day "according to my need." Branstetter has been using marijuana since 1972 to relieve pain from a spinal cord injury he suffered in 1969. He said marijuana is the only drug he has found that provides relief.

"I started with Valium, but found I could not really function on that," Branstetter said. "Then I found that alcohol helped, and I began to use that until I came upon marijuana. I participated in a study using synthetic marijuana, but after 15 to 20 days I had to keep increasing the dosage."

"My greatest fear now is fear of prosecution."

Senate Bill 493, sponsored by Sen. Irene Treppier (R-Matthews), would free persons from prosecution on marijuana charges if a doctor provides written certification that marijuana is a physician-recommended treatment for the patient's condition. Because marijuana is a schedule-one controlled substance under Federal Drug Administration guidelines, prescriptions cannot be issued. The bill would simply free medicinal users from fear of prosecution.

Those users include people like Branstetter, but the most widely mentioned use would be



on cancer patients. Sheila Dundon, a registered nurse from Columbia, told the committee it has a unique opportunity.

"You may not save that many lives [with this legislation]," she said. "But you can reduce suffering phenomenally."

Dundon said the chemotherapy administered to cancer patients often leaves them in a poor condition and marijuana can alleviate the radiation's side effects by increasing patients' appetites and relieving nausea.

"This drug could literally mean life or death," she said. "Often, the cure is worse than the disease. These [chemotherapy] patients suffer a loss of appetite, and we have to stick a big tube in the side of their necks to feed them."

"There is nothing sadder than seeing a 2-year-old child starve to death because of chemotherapy."

Dr. Michael Perry, chairman of the Missouri State Medical Association committee on the medical use of marijuana, said

the only evidence to validate the medicinal benefits of marijuana is anecdotal. Perry said other drugs are available to alleviate the side effects of chemotherapy.

"My committee concluded that there was no medical use for marijuana at this time and further research was needed," he said.

For Branstetter and others like him, however, the research is not fast enough in coming.

"Marijuana is very effective at curing nausea," Branstetter said. "A lot of people do not want to admit that."

"It can really help me, but think of what it could do for cancer patients. Even with the chemotherapy, they would be able to eat and keep their bodies strong to fight the disease."

Perry said there is no scientific evidence either way because marijuana is not seen as a profitable drug for pharmaceutical manufacturers and doctors' time can be better spent than studying its effects.

"I'm out there trying to cure cancer and don't have the time to answer unimportant questions," he said.

Dundon said the question is quite important to those she treats.

"Each year I come here and tell you the same story, and each year I go home and watch my patients die," she said. "There are no harmful side effects."

"To keep it from being available is not right and not fair."

## HB 1139

## Bill would open closed meetings

By T.R. HANRAHAN  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

One influential Missouri lawmaker says college and university governing boards need policing.

Rep. Ken Jacob (D-Columbia) has introduced a bill that would allow student curators of the University of Missouri to attend closed meetings as defined by the Missouri Open Meetings and Open Records Law. Jacob chairs the House higher education committee.

"I think those student representatives can sit in now if they are invited by the board," he said. "I think it is a big cop-out that the boards do not do it."

House Bill 1139 removes language in existing law that prevents student representatives of the University of Missouri system from attending closed meetings, but Jacob indicated this could include public institutions of higher learning.

"I think the purpose of a public institution of higher learning is to educate young people, conduct research, and provide service to the state," Jacob said. "People directly involved in receiving or providing those services should be involved in policy-making."

Missouri Southern's newly appointed student regent, Stacy Schoen, said she would welcome the opportunity to attend the closed meetings.

"We all know that is where they really do everything," she said. "If I were able to attend, I might see the reasoning behind the decisions instead of just hearing the vote."

However, Jacob wants more

than increased student involvement.

"I've decided I'm pretty well going to sit on Senate higher education bills until they take up faculty representation," he said. "It has to be addressed."

Jacob said increased representation by faculty and students will solve problems currently facing institutions of higher learning.

"This can only result in better decision making," he said. "I think it will also improve morale."

Above all, Jacob said the involvement of faculty and students is a good example of checks and balances.

"People appointed to these boards are people who have been appointed because of political contributions of political service to the governor—any governor," he said. "I think representation is critical, both in policy-making and as a check to misdeeds."

Schoen agreed.

"I think both [faculty and student representation] would be a good idea," she said. "It would provide more representation for our school."

College President Julio Leon said some closed-session agenda items may make a student's presence a problem.

"I do have reservations about allowing students at certain meetings," he said. "My reservations relate to some of the sensitive issues we discuss in those meetings."

"We'll have to wait and see what happens in the legislature. If that is what the law says, then we will do what we have to accommodate it."

## ELECTION '94

## Danner to seek auditor's office

Sen. Steve Danner (D-Hale) is seeking to eliminate Republicans from statewide office in 1994.

Danner announced his candidacy for the state auditor's office Monday.

The current auditor, Margaret Kelly, is the only elected member of the GOP serving in the executive branch. Danner said he would approach the job with several priorities in mind.

"Taxpayers have a right to demand better performance from government," he said. "The auditor's job is to help state and local government work smarter, harder, and leaner."

"In 1992, Missourians voted for real change in government and Democrats are delivering. I pledge to change the business as usual mindset of the auditor's office that inhibits improvement in government."

Such streamlining is the approach Danner said he would take in identifying policies where cost-savings could be implemented.

"As auditor, I will work directly with the legislature to find ways to improve performance of government agencies," he said. "We need to work together to streamline government and eliminate duplication of state services in our agencies."

## HIGHER EDUCATION BRIEFS

## Northeast joins 9 other schools in consortium

Northeast Missouri State University has joined with nine of the nation's public colleges and universities to create a new consortium—the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges (COPALC)—to enhance the education of undergraduates in state-funded institutions of higher education.

In addition to Northeast, founding members of the consortium are The College of Charleston (S.C.), Evergreen State College (Wash.), Keene State College (N.H.), Mary Washington College (Va.), Ramapo College (N.J.), the University of Maine at Farmington, the University of Minnesota at Morris, and the University of North Carolina at Asheville.

Additional members who meet the group's criteria are welcome.

"The mission of COPALC is to expand access to undergraduate liberal arts education," said Northeast President Russell Warren. "The consortium is dedicated to creating teaching and learning communities on public college and university campuses."

Members of COPALC tend to be small for public institutions, ranging in size from about 1,000 to 7,200 undergraduates. By mission, the academic programs of these colleges are strongly based in the liberal arts and sciences.

Northeast was specifically designated in 1986 as Missouri's statewide liberal arts and sciences university.

## SEMO receives grant to finance support center

Southeast Missouri State University has received a \$187,500 three-year grant from the Missouri Department of Mental Health, Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse to establish a Community 2000 Support Center at the university.

The center will assist the communities in Cape Girardeau, Jackson, and Fredericktown in assessing their strengths and weaknesses in the area of substance abuse prevention, said Ed Leoni, who has been named director of the center.

Under the grant, about 100 auditors are being trained this month to meet with community leaders in the areas of prevention and with those affected by drug abuse problems.

## Mizzou facility seeks \$150,000

The student-parent center at the University of Missouri is asking the student fee capital improvements committee for \$150,000 during the next two years to expand and improve the child-care facility.

The center now can serve only 16 children at one time, falling far short of meeting student demand.

If the committee awards the \$150,000 request, the student-parent center would add a classroom, a large motor-action room, and a naproom, and expand the kitchen.

## Professor gives paraphernalia better homes

Just what happens to the paraphernalia that police departments confiscate in drug raids?

A professor of science education at the University of Missouri-Kansas City has found one use for the laboratory scales and balances used by drug dealers.

For the last three years, Gary Nahstedt has been cleaning and repairing the scales and delivering them to local school districts for use in science experiments.

To date, Nahstedt has given 95 scales to elementary, secondary, and post-secondary public and private schools.

Nahstedt is looking for a home for about 30 of the scales now.

To get more information about the scales, persons may call him at 816-235-2459.

## HOUSE BILL 1098

## Drunk drivers may face ignition interlock devices

Polizzi: cost of device lower than that of alcohol consumed by abusers

By T.R. HANRAHAN  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Drunk drivers just might get locked out of their cars.

If a bill sponsored by Rep. Jan Polizzi (D-St. Louis) gains approval, persons convicted of driving while intoxicated (DWI) might face a device preventing them from driving their cars.

House Bill 1098 would allow Missouri courts to require ignition interlock devices on motor vehicles owned by persons convicted of DWI.

Before starting the vehicle, the driver would initiate a deep-breath sample into the device. Within 10 seconds, a readout would give the blood-alcohol content. If the driver fails the analysis, he or she would be able to submit another in approximately 15 minutes.

Polizzi told the House judiciary and ethics committee the devices would not provide an undue hardship on offenders.

"These devices may be leased for about \$60 per month for the

course of the probation," she said. "Court costs may be defrayed to allow for the acquisition of the device."

"This is significantly lower than the cost of alcohol consumed monthly, which also helps defray the cost."

Polizzi said recent studies on the devices have been encouraging.

"The most intense study, which is continuing in Hamilton County, Ohio, reports after 30 months a DWI re-arrest rate for interlock users of 3.4 percent versus a rate of 9.8 percent for the license suspension group."

In supporting testimony, Kevin Doyle, president of Consumer Technology, Inc., demonstrated Intoxilock—an interlock device produced by his Des Moines-based company. Doyle said the Intoxilock and similar devices attempt to solve specific problems.

"They have on-board memories so we can keep track of when cars were started and the BAC levels," he said. "Specifically, we want to deal with people who

tamper with the product or try to start the car with a BAC above set limits."

After the initial start, vehicle operators face testing every four to eight minutes under what manufacturers call a "rolling re-test."

"This is designed to prevent three things," Doyle said. "First is to prevent the impostor start. This is when a sober individual starts the vehicle and turns it over to an intoxicated individual. Second, this device prevents the individual from driving to the tavern, leaving the car running, and then driving home. Third, it prevents a sober person from picking up a 12-pack at a convenience store and driving to Des Moines."

Doyle said the devices can be programmed for differing BAC levels and that failure to respond to or failure of a rolling re-test will result in some embarrassing circumstances.

"Iowa regulations require us to set the Intoxilock to beep the horn half a second every two seconds on a failure of a rolling

## LOCKED OUT:

State ignition interlock laws as of Nov. 23, 1993



Source: REP. JAN POLIZZI (D-ST. LOUIS)

Twenty-nine states have laws providing for either the mandatory or the discretionary use of ignition interlock devices on vehicles operated by persons convicted of a DWI offense. They are:

ALASKA	MINNESOTA
ARKANSAS	NEBRASKA
CALIFORNIA	NEVADA
DELAWARE	NEW YORK
FLORIDA	NORTH DAKOTA
GEORGIA	OHIO
HAWAII	OKLAHOMA
IDAHOW	OREGON
ILLINOIS	RHODE ISLAND
INDIANA	TENNESSEE
IOWA	TEXAS
KANSAS	WASHINGTON
LOUISIANA	WEST VIRGINIA
MARYLAND	WISCONSIN
MICHIGAN	

T.R. HANRAHAN/The Chart

re-test, or a failure to take it, or testing over the limit.

"The only way to stop that is to provide a clean breath sample or turn the vehicle off. It is the most obnoxious thing you have ever heard."

Under Polizzi's bill, the application of the ignition interlock device is optional, but she is open to an amendment or substitute making application of the devices mandatory.



## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Grider's heroics aren't enough

## Lady Lions fall in OT, 81-80

By CHAD HAYWORTH  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

For Lady Lion guard Melissa Grider, the glass slipper was about a half size too small.

Grider, a sophomore, had 24 points, but in the end it wasn't enough. No. 19 Missouri Southern fell to MIAA-leading Missouri Western State College 81-80 in overtime last night.

With one second left in the first half, Grider pulled up and drained a 40-foot jumper to cut the Lady Griffon lead to 31-27. Then she drove through the lane in heavy traffic to lay in the game-tying basket and get the ensuing foul with no time remaining on the clock at the end of regulation. Grider missed the free throw attempt, sending the game to overtime.

"If she doesn't hit that miracle three at the end of the first, we're not in position to win it at the end," said Lady Lion Coach Scott Ballard. "We don't feel too bad about this one."

"We played them just as tough as you can without beating them."

In overtime, Southern led by as many as four before falling behind by three with 18 seconds left. With junior guard Sonya Harlin on the bench with five fouls, Grider was fouled on a three-point attempt with four seconds remaining. She stepped up and hit the first two, but the game-tying third rimmed out. A scuffle for the ball followed, and Southern got possession out of

bounds with two ticks remaining. Senior forward Honey Scott, who finished with 12 points and 14 rebounds, could not get off a shot and the game ended.

"Looking back now, there are a lot of things we could have or should have done better," Ballard said. "We didn't shoot very well from three-point range or from inside, and we missed some key free-throws early in the second half."

The No. 3-ranked Lady Griffons, who moved to 22-1 overall and 13-0 in the MIAA, outshot the Lady Lions (17-4, 10-3) 47 to 33 percent.

"Missouri Southern has a good team," said Lady Griffon Coach Jeff Mittie. "I don't expect this is the last we will see of them."

"They are going to be around in the conference tournament and in the national tournament, too."

Ballard said defense kept the Lady Lions in the game.

"We made some key defensive stops in the last two minutes of regulation," he said. "We kept giving ourselves the opportunity to win the game."

Saturday, the Lady Lions travel to Kirksville to face the Lady Bulldogs of Northeast Missouri State University.

"We have got to win the rest of our games," Ballard said. "If CMSU can avoid stubbing their toe between now and next Wednesday, we'll be playing for third in the conference."

Also this week, Scott was named to the third team of the GTE Academic All-District women's basketball team.

## OVER THE TOP



Missouri Western forward Amanda Devers goes up and over Lady Lion guard Teresa McLaury during last night's 81-80 overtime loss.

CHAD HAYWORTH/The Chart

# Fight eclipses contest

The fireworks didn't end when the overtime buzzer sounded in the Lady Lions' 81-80 loss last night.

When Missouri Southern and the Lady Griffons of Missouri Western lined up to shake hands after the contest, words were exchanged and a melee ensued. During the confrontation, Lady Lion guard Melissa Grider was slapped in the face by Lady Griffon forward Lashon Egans.

"There is no need for that kind of stuff," said Southern Coach Scott Ballard. "It was a great game; you hate to see it ruined by that."

"People now go away only remembering the fight."

Grider and Egans, a 5-foot-9 junior forward from Compton, Calif., had been jawing at each other for most of the second half and had been separated once before.

Missouri Western Coach Jeff Mittie said the officials, who allowed a physical game, may have been partially to blame for the altercation.

"When you let them slap, grab, and hold throughout the game, you have to expect tempers to flair," he said. "I thought it got completely out of control."

Ballard said he was unsure if the MIAA might take any action as a result of the incident. He also said the loss and the altercation would not affect the way his team plays Saturday at Kirksville.

"That girl hitting Melissa has gotten us fired up," he said. "We going to just go out and take care of business."

## SPORTS COLUMN



DAVID BURNETT

# Corn did the right thing

Just when I started to lose faith in the purity of college athletics, Coach Robert Corn made me a believer again.

Last week, basketball player Terrance Sisson was cut from the team after an outburst on the bench during Missouri Southern's game at Southwest Baptist University.

It wasn't the first time Sisson had acted up during a game; he had been warned twice previously by Corn that a repeat action would not be tolerated.

Well, it did happen again, and Corn followed through with actions that speak louder than words by dismissing Sisson from the squad.

Coach Corn, I commend you on the courage and backbone it took to cut your second-leading scorer, especially when your winning percentage isn't as healthy as you would like it to be.

Personally, I am sick and tired of seeing athletes, regardless of the sport, act like complete idiots and then claim their behavior is just a form of self-expression.

For example, the football player who takes his helmet off after a catch that isn't even a touchdown so the whole world can see just how pretty his face is makes me want to vomit.

The basketball player who hangs on the rim after a dunk, hoping to gain the applause of the males and the admiration of the females, instead of getting back to playing defense.

And the baseball player who attempts to set the world record for the slowest time ever recorded rounding the bases after a home run.

What's the point? More and more athletes are engaging in this type of showmanship. They seem to be more concerned with looking good rather than helping the team.

And now it seems the attitude that many professional athletes have of being above the coach has trickled down to the college level.

From what I saw of Terrance, he played hard on the court but wasn't the most coachable player on the bench.

A coach's job during a game is to instruct his players on what they are doing wrong and how to be a better player, while at the same time trying to win the game.

What is a coach supposed to do when a player refuses to listen and claims that his attitude is merely self-expression?

Exactly what Coach Corn did. Give that player a warning and then take action—even if it means dismissing him from the team.

If a coach has no authority over his players, why even have one at all? Just let them run around like an intramural team instead.

Surely Corn didn't enjoy what he had to do, but he did it. That's his job.

Coach Corn was right in his decision to cut Sisson, and I hope his actions are a trend for the future.

David Burnett

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Tucker's put-back lifts Lions

Lions down Missouri Western, 75-74, head to NEMSU with 'nothing to lose'

By TONY JACKSON  
STAFF WRITER

The basketball Lions' backs are up against the proverbial wall, as they head to Kirksville Saturday to face the Bulldogs of Northeast Missouri State University.

The Lions may have found themselves in a similar position last night as they staved off the Griffons of Missouri Western State College, 75-74, in a game that went down to the wire.

Southern needed a big offensive rebound and put-back from Chris Tucker to seal matters. The Lions are now 5-8 in the MIAA and 11-12 overall.

"Once again Chris Tucker, along with several other guys, elevated their games," Head Coach Robert Corn said. "The need was there for our players to rise to the occasion, and they certainly showed their character tonight."

Tucker led the way with 32

points and 11 rebounds. Senior forward Dirk Price, with 19 points on 8-of-13 shooting, and junior guard Kyle Hardin, with a solid overall floor game, also made major contributions.

Southern led 39-31 at the half, but the Griffons swung the game back into their favor at 57-56 on a Brett Goodwin slam with 9:08 left.

Western appeared to have the game sewn up, leading by nine with 3:14 to go.

"We could have folded tonight when we were down 71-62 with 4:53 left," Corn said. "But after the timeout we pulled together and got the job done. I'm proud of our effort."

It was an uphill battle the entire night for the Lions, as they had to combat the Griffons' rebounding prowess and the hot shooting of guard Juan Martin, who had 20 points.

"Missouri Southern was a wounded duck waiting to lose, we did not do the job to put

them away," said Western Coach Tom Smith. "This loss takes us out of position for an at-large berth during the MIAA journey."

With 15 seconds remaining in the game and Southern trailing 74-71, Lion guard Kelly Henderson drove to the right baseline, scored, and was fouled.

On the ensuing missed free throw, Tucker grabbed the rebound and scored for the victory.

"If there were ever a time you would want a player to miss a free throw, this would be the time," Corn said.

The Lions hope to take this victory, and use it as a springboard for the rest of the year.

Currently they are tied for eighth in the conference with Emporia State University, with three games remaining.

"We are approaching the remainder of the season as if we have nothing to lose," Corn said.

"We want to get into the conference tournament with rejuvenated attitudes and perform with a reckless abandonment."

## COMPLIANCE OFFICER

# Beckley monitors players

By DAVID BURNETT  
SPORTS EDITOR

Balancing academics and athletics is nothing new for Carey Beckley, a Missouri Southern softball player from 1985-87 who now monitors grades instead of making them.

Beckley returned to Southern in December 1991 as the compliance officer for Missouri Southern athletics. Her behind-the-scenes job—making sure the College's 280 athletes are eligible for competition—may go unrecognized, but it isn't lacking in importance.

With all of the NCAA rules now on the books and the many more to come, it can become confusing to understand what makes an athlete eligible and what doesn't.

Beckley cited a few of the rules student-athletes must follow: they must complete 24 hours each academic year, they must be full-time students enrolled in 12 hours, the hours they take must progress toward a degree, and they

must declare a major by their fifth semester.

"My job has to be knowledgeable of four offices on campus: the registrar, admissions, financial aid, and athletic monitor," Beckley said. "My job makes sense economically, and it's easier for the kids and coaches when they have questions."

Other interesting rules shared by Beckley include grade-point requirements and junior college transfer requirements.

"A first-year competitor must keep a 1.6 grade-point average, second year a 1.8 GPA, and third year a 2.0 GPA. A junior college transfer must have completed 24 hours of 2.0 GPA before he or she eligible," she said.

Monitoring financial aid also consumes Beckley's time.

"If an athlete is dropped from a class for any reason, he or she is not eligible to play until they have been reinstated," she said, "although that shouldn't happen because they have to go through me before they can drop a class."

## Swami Says...



6-9 40%

This week's picks:

1. Kansas v. Missouri
2. Arizona v. UCLA
3. Indiana v. Purdue
4. Temple v. Louisville
5. Lions v. Northeast Mo.

Underlined games indicate picks

## INTRAMURALS

## Schick Super Hoops

Teams advancing to the regional 3-on-3 tournament this Saturday at Fayetteville, Ark.:

## MEN'S

Branton Dawson  
Richard Haines  
Roderick Sly  
Brett Ulrich

## WOMEN'S

Stacy Brown  
Neely Burkhart  
Michelle Dixon  
Becky Harrell

## ASK THE COACH

"The Lady Lions are again ranked high (5th) in the preseason polls. How far can you go this season withstanding injuries?" -EEH



"The preseason polls are primarily based on how the team did last year and what players are returning. It's an honor to be ranked and we maybe have the best pitching staff in the country. We lost some offense to graduation but I think we're capable of making it to the national tournament." -Pat Lipira

Have a question for one of the Missouri Southern coaches? Send it to David Burnett, *The Chart*, 333 Webster Hall, call 625-9311, or fax it to 625-9742.

## Sports facts

## College basketball

The 12 highest-scoring college games seen on U.S. television have been NCAA tournament championship games. The top five:

Block, Score, St.	WBC	Rating
Villanova-Green, 95	CRS	22.2
Duke-Michigan, 92	CRS	20.7
N.C. St.-Houston, 91	CRS	17.3
N.C.-Michigan, 90	CRS	22.2

## Fishing

Records for the largest of several types of catfish caught:

Type of catfish	Weight	Where caught
1991 Blue	109 lbs., 4 oz.	S.C.
1964 Channel	58 lbs.	S.C.
1982 Flathead	51 lbs., 4 oz.	Texas
1991 White	18 lbs., 14 oz.	Fla.

SOURCE: National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

